Mr Coffin remarked, if the gentleman would make a pro- Published every Thursday. position placing all the colleges on the same footing, he would support it. But he wanted this bill to stand upon its own merits, and not to be trammeled. Let gentlemen show their hands. There were several colleges which should have the same favor shown to them, and he was ready to

Mr Robinson moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table; not carried. A call of the Senate was ordered; and while the absentces were being sent for,

Mr Davis proposed that the matter be informally passed over, until a report could be made from the minority of the committee on the Mexican war; not carried. Mr Berry of M. then moved that the bill of Mr Coffin and

the proposed amendments be postponed until two o'clock, P. Leave granted to Mr Davis to make a report from the mi-

nority of the committee on federal relations, on the subject of the Mexican war. Mr Davis moved to lay on the table the report of Mr Berry of M. then moved that 2,000 copies of the ma-

jority report be printed. Mr Osborn moved to amend by adding the report of the minority; accepted by Mr Berry of M.
Mr Hamrick moved to lay on the table the motion to print; not carried.

Mr Howell then moved a division of the question. Mr Holloway was opposed to printing. The Senate ought not to manufacture public opinion. Gentlemen were not sent here to instruct either those above or below the Legislature in great questions. He hoped the Legislature were not disposed to spend the hard carnings of the people for the purpose of spreading the private opinions of members.

money required. He was willing the two reports should be spread upon the journals. Mr Davis had no personal choice in the matter; but if one

the other, that both sides of the question miay be seen. He should go for the printing, for there was a strong feeling the part of the report that recommends his case to the The division of the question was then called, and the reports were not ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr Read was glad Mr Beard had made that motion, for the question then was direct before the Senate, whether any convention should be called or not. A majority of the votes, There could be no doubt as to the constitutionality of the He contended that the majority of all the votes upon the

subject of a convention or no convention were in favor of a convention, and that it was then the duty of the Legislature to call the convention. The people had an inalienable right to revise the constitution at all times. True it was, that it was the duty of the Legislature to lay the subject every twelve years before the people; but they could recommen a call of a convention at any time. They had made that call at the last election. Aside from party questions he be-lieved the call was made, for it was not made a party question at the election last summer.

His opinion as to the expediency of the matter was this: He believed that every community had a right to act upon ed to a second reading. its own form of government. Constitutional reform was the order of the day. Look at Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, reorganize the militia of the State of Indiana; passed to By Mr. Morgan, of a bill for the relief of Daniel Dayall but the politician were in favor of a convention Ask every man, and they will tell you the evil is, there is too much government-there is too much legislation-biennial legislation was sufficient.

Another point, relative to impeachment: He spoke from knowledge-by experience. How many officers are there in the State? Was there ever heard of an impeachment of a justice of the peace ? He never had. There were too many guards around officers to bring them to justice for dereliction of duty. Owing to the difficulty of impeachment, time and expense required by an impeachment, gross dereliction by those officers was committed and suffered. The change in this matter should be, that they be tried in the several courts as other wrongs.

Again: The Legislature should not be suffered to effect loans. The new constitutions of the States referred to by him in the beginning, had prohibited this evil. The want of this provision in our constitution was the cause of the present debt in our State.

Another objection was the subject of divorces. This was now by some considered unconstitutional. This was merely an opinion; it should be settled. Another objection was the matter of fines and forfeitures. Now, by our constitution, the fines were dragged from the widow and fatherless, to erect a school house at the county

seat, to benefit the children of the rich. He was in favor of "Free trade." erecting schools in the separate townships. There were some parts in the present constitution liable to be broken-for instance the law of execution. This in-

fringed upon the provision that no contract should be Then there was a provision that no new county should be formed out of an old county, reducing it less than four hun-

dred square miles. This had been broken by the formation of new counties-for instance in the formation of Ohio county. Then there was a provision in the present constitution prescribing certain periods for the formation of new counties. This provision has frequently been broken by the formation of new counties in the north. Again: The constitution prohibits the emission of bills of

credit, and yet we find our streets filled with notes by our He merely referred to this matter to show that a revision

was needed. That the majority of the people thought so, was that the voice might be obeyed-that it might be referred to the people. Mr Osborn then moved an amendment to the instructions

was evident from the vote of last August. All he wanted of Mr Read. Mr Beard accepted the proposition of Mr Osborn. Mr Stewart said, as his views on the subject of a conven-

tion would probably be different from the views of the Senators with whom he usually acted, he felt it due to himself and to those whom he had the honor in part to represent on this floor, to explain the position which he occupied on this question. Personally he was in favor of a convention to revise the constitution; but the only question, he conceived, before the Senate was, whether there had been a call for a erly the doties of that office; not adopted. convention. The Legislature had passed a law last winter requiring the people to vote for or against a convention. He said that the law was not binding on the people, because the Legislature had no right to pass such a law. To contend that they had the right, would be to assume the strange and novel doctrine that the Legislature could change the constitution under which it held its existence. But the truth is, that the constitution is a law to the Legislature, as the law is a rule of decision to the judge. Beyond the law the judge cannot go; beyond the constitution the Legislature cannot go, so as to bind the people. The constitution is made by the people for the people, and is responsible to the people. They alone have the power to change it; they have the right to change their constitution at any time, and it is immaterial whether it be expressed in the constitution or not, it is an inalienable right. But had the Legislature last winter the right to order a call for a convention? If so, was it binding on the people? Were the people compelled to vote because the Legislature said so? Certainly not. The acts of the Legislature are binding upon the people only so far as they are within the powers conferred by the constitution. The constitution is superior to the Legislature, and the people are superior to the constitution. He said the supreme or sovereign power of society resides in the citizens at large; and that therefore they always relain the right whatever manner a majority of the whole people shall was read three several times and passed.

deem expedient. The question for a call of a convention, he was pleased to see, was not viewed by Senators as a political mestion. To support his position that the Legislature had no right beyond the constitution, and that the people were superior to the constitution, the sovereign power at all times semaining in the people, he read from Wilson's works.

He thought, then, that if the position which he assumed was correct, the people alone had the right to change the fundamental law whereby they were governed. Then the question resolved itself into this: Did the people, in the exercise of the sovereign power which always resides in them. tion? It had been said by the Senator from Clark, that the people of Clark county were by a large majority in favor of a convention. Now, he saw by examination that the number of votes in that county on that subject was seven hundred less than that given for Governor at the same election. The votes given for a convention, at the last August election, were not a majority of all the voters of the State who had a right to vote on that subject. He said the vote given for a convention was 32,468, and the number of votes given for Governor at the same election was 126,158, consequently the vote given for a convention is less than a majority of al the votes given for Governor by 30,611.

He then read from Story, and other authorities, to show that in the exercise of a sovereign power, minorities never govern, and that, in our government, the supreme, absolute, and uncontrolable power remains in the people, and that they alone have the right to exercise it. The constitution is the work of the people themselves, in their original sovereign and unlimited capacity, and is liable only to be revoked or altered by a majority of the whole people.

The conclusion then was, that the sovereignty does not

reside in the Legislature, but in the whole people—they alone and supervisors in Dearborn county; concurred in. have a right to exercise it, and it requires a majority of By Mr. Zenor, that it was inexpedient to legislate furthose who have a right to exercise this power, to vote for a convention to change the constitution before one can be

By Mr. Verbrike reporting it expedient to refer a cercalled. No such majority voted for a convention to revise the constitution, at the last August election, consequently there is none called.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr Parks moved that the further consideration of the bill for a call of a convention to revise the constitution of the

ed, and the absentees sent for. The bill amending the act incorporating the Asbury University was taken up Mr Murphy moved an amendment to the amendment;

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The Senate reconsidered the vote upon Mr Murphy's amendment, when he withdrew the same, Mr Allison moved an amendment, that the loans be paid par funds; adopted.

Mr Robinson then moved an amendment. Mr Orth moved to lay it on the table; not carried. Mr Berry of F. then moved an amendment; which was

Mr Robinson's amendment was then adopted. Mr Murphy moved an amendment; adopted. Mr Edmonston moved to lay the amendment of the commiltee on the table; carried. And the bill passed to a third reading on to-morrow,

Ordered, That the bill making appropriation for the settleent of claims for the arrest of Silas Duty be taken from the table; passed.

The Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Reports from Standing Committees. of 1843, in relation to assigning breaches in a declaration; in the preamble, he would vote in the negative.

Mr. Winchell said, when his name was called that passed to a second reading.

were true, and that one of the great objects of punish-ment, reformation, was effected; but that it was mexpewas printed, he wis ed both to be printed: let one go with favorable consideration of the Governor. dient to pass said bill, but would recommend him to the

Governor.

Mr Secrest said he would have no objection to signing a petition requesting the exercise of the executive elemen-A bill providing for holding a convention to revise the cy individually, but he would not consent officially to ly. constitution of the State being the special order of the day, implore his excellency to interpose his pardon; we are Mr Beard moved to recommit the bill to a select commit- a co-ordinate branch of the government, and as such, vote in the affirmative. He desired to be excused. have no right to interfere in the matter.

Mr. Yaryan advocated a concurrence in the entire report. [The part objected to was not concurred in.] Mr. Harvey, from the same, reported back the bill auby a vote of 5,000 or 6,000 were in favor of a convention. thorizing clerks of Circuit Courts to issue writs to other inties; read the third time and passed.

Mr. Sleeth, from the same, reported back the bill of wild fruit on government land, so far amending the act regulating the fees of county officers, county of Pulaski; report concurred in. and recommended its passage. [The bill relates to officers issuing fee bills for debts

due their predecessors.] Passed to the third reading. Mr. Porter, from the same, reported a bill in relation to Sheriffs advertising sales; ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Hunt, from the committee on education, a bill to

loan funds to the Trustees of the Indiana Asbury University; passed to the second reading. Also, a bill for the relief of inhabitants of certain school districts in Orange and Washington counties; pass-

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on military affairs, to Mr. Dole, from the committee on canals, &c , reported back the bill in relation to canal certificates, and recom-

mended its reference to the judiciary committee; so re-Reports from Select Committees.

Mr. Carr of L., that it was inexpedient to attach part of Grant county to that of Blackford. Mr. Jones of B., from the minority mittee, a counter report.

Mr. J. advocated at some length the importance of attaching that part of Grant in question to Blackford. Mr. Harian opposed Mr. J's. report, and advocated a Concurrence in the report of the majority.

The ayes and mays were called in the concurrence of

the majority report, and negatived; ayes 33, noes 56. The minority report was then referred to a select committee with instructions to report a bill. Mr. Clark reported a bill to extend the jurisdiction of

justices of the peace in Lagrange county.

Mr. Wilson reported a bill to locate a Str Noble county. Mr. Thompson from the committee to whom was re

ferred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Mr. Colms moved to lay on the table, and that 2000 copies be printed.

Some conversation arose on the printing; ayes Mr. Suit moved that 1000 copies be printed; ayes 50 Mr. Miller reported back the bill for the relief of pur-

chasers of Seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe con ties; passed so the third reading. Mr. Hatfield, a bill to incorporate the Greenfield and Sholby ville rail road. Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr. Fuller, that the committee on ways and means allow a specific appropriation of \$3 00 per day to Thos. P. Baldwin, for services rendered to the military commit-

By Mr. Lewis, to inquire into the expediency of assessing a tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars valuation for common schools; adopted. By Mr. Meredith, that a committee be appointed to in-

vestigate certain facts in relation to the obligations of the leasees of water power on the central canal; adopted. By Mr. Lemmonds, that the committee on education inquire into the expediency of printing the school laws in the German language; adopted.

By Mr. Gordon, on the subject of making the law more

explicit in relation to naturalizing citizens; adopted. By Mr. Holland, that the Auditor of State inform the House how many clerks are necessary to perform prop-By Mr. Colms, a joint resolution in relation to the Wabash and Erie canal scrip; passed to the second reading.

Bills Introduced. By Mr. Stanfield, to change the time of holding Probate courts in the county of St. Joseph; read three severalltimes and passed. By Mr. Balding, to regulate the price of tax deeds;

read the first time. By Mr. Gilleece, amendatory to the Revised Statutes in on to making inventories and appraisements; read

By Mr. Hatfield, to regulate the fees of the Auditor of Hancock county; read the first time.

By Mr. Hendricks, to amend the act relating to overseers of the poor; read the first time.

Bills to change the time of holding courts in the 7th judicial circuit; to amend sections of the Revised Statutes in regard to supervisors of high ways in Sullivan county, were read the third time and passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Palmer introduced a bill changing the time e; and that therefore they always retain the right holding courts in the 8th judicial circuit, in lieu of the lishing, altering, or amending their constitution, in one returned by the Governor with his objections; which The House then resolved itself into the committee of

the whole on the State Convention bill. Mr. Dunham concluded his argument, when the House was addressed by Messrs. Julian, Neal and Balding,

When the committee rose.

Mr. Thompson said he thought sufficient time was already consumed in the discussion of this question, at thi late period of the session; it is important to husband time for other matters of equal interest. He therefore would The House then adjourned

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6. The Senate met. Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Henry, from the Judiciary committee, recom-mending the indefinite postponement of a bill to amend the 8th art. of the 47th chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1843; concurred in. By Mr. Clements, from the same committee, a bill en-

abling executors to settle estates; concurred in. By Mr. Murphy, recommending certain papers to By Mr. Robinson, of a bill relative to gnardians, with

endment: concurred in By Mr. Orth, reccommending a bill to be sent to th ittee on education; concurred in.

By Mr. Milligan, from the committee on roads, of a bill establish a State road in Jay county; concurred in. By Mr. Milliken, of a bill defining duties of auditors

By Mr. Robinson, that E. F. Lucas's petition be la upon the table; concurred in. By Mr. Read, from the committee on federal relations

a joint resolution expressive of the approbation of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, of the conduct of our soldiers in the Mexican war. State, be postponed until Monday next; carried.

Leave of absence was given Mr Parks.

Leave given Mr Parks to make a report of a bill amending an act entitled "An act to modify the thirtieth section of chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes," which passed.

General Assembly of the State of Indiana, of the conduct of our soldiers in the Mexican war.

Mr. Davis proposed an amendment, and thereupon Mr. Edmonston moved a call of the Senate, which was ordered, and the absentees sent for.

Mr. Edmonston moved the previous question; sec The question on the engrossment of the original res

Upon the name of Mr. Osborn being called to vote, he remarked, that the preamble states that the United States inexpedient to revise or change the present school laws; had declared war against Mexico. This every one in the Senate and in every part of the world knew to be a false-hood. Was it honest or honorable to place Senators in this position, to vote for a preamble containing an untruth or to vote against the remainder of the resolution which they favor. He could with all heartiness support a resolution appropriating any amount of money, but not for the

Mr. Davis said that he felt it to be due to himself before he voted, to say that in many things he heartily concurred in the resolution, but as the majority of the Senate had determined that no amendment should be made either The President laid before the Senate a communication tained what he believed to be a falsehood, he would vote from the Governor, enclosing a communication from the in the negative. He understood that Congress never had warden of the State Prison, relative to a female convict. recognition of the existence of war by the act of Mexico.

In regard to the praise bestowed upon the officers and men engaged in the war, he fully and heartily concurred. They all deserved well of the country. He was in favor Mr. Parks presented a petition from citizens of Mar- of instructing our Senators and requesting our Represenshall county praying the repeal of the "Black laws;" laid tatives in Congress, to vote all necessary appropriation for the vigorous prosecution of the war to a speedy and honorable termination. But, as stated before, sooner Mr. Porter, from the judiciary committee, reported back than endure what he believed to be a palpable falsehood

Mr. Julian, from the same, to whom was referred the damnable falsehood a stated in that preamble. Should be bill for the relief of Jesse Wolf, a convict in the state he knowingly rote for a statement which was clearly a might record his vote, that he never would favor such prison, reported that the facts in the preamble of said bill mistatement? He would vote from morning till night recommending the appropriation of money for our soldiers in Mexico; but it should not be in favor of a lie. The preamble of this joint resolution was so utterly false that ne would distinctly and decidedly vote No!

Mr. Zenor remarked, that as reasons had been given why votes could not be given in favor of this resolution, he would state the reasons governing him in his vote. He was in favor of many of the provisions, and would vote for them were they thrown into a shape more seem-But as the preamble in this joint resolution ran, he

When the joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed by a vote of ayes 25, noes 22 By Mr. Davis, of a bill authorizing a settlement with Mr. Horace Smith by the superintendent of the sinking

fund; and the bili passed. By Mr. Bowers, repealing an act for the preservation of wild fruit on government land, so far as relates to the

By Mr. Berry of F., of a bill amending an act incorporating the Richmond Turnpike company; concurred in. By Mr. Henry, of a bill fixing a time for the report of the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; concurred

By Mr. Beard, of a bill to confirm a deed to the Meth odist church, in Greenfield, Hancock county; passed. By Mr. Osborn, that it was inexpedient to legislate upon a subject referred to the judiciary committee; con-By Mr. Jackson, fixing a certain annual compensation

referred to the committee on claims. By Mr. Allison, repealing certain actions applicable to appraisement of property; concurred in, and the bill By Mr. Chenowith, authorizing the superintendent of

the Wabash and Erie canal to settle with certain cereditors; concurred in. By Mr. Holloway, of a bill for the improvement of the Cambridge City and Ft. Wayne State road in Wells coun

ty; concurred in. By Mr. Robinson, of a bill creating the 13th judicial circuit, with an amendment; concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Davis, of a bill reducing the expenses of Floyd county, with amendments; concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed. Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Miller, that the Senate will not consider bills out of their regular order; not adopted.

By Mr. English, that the orders of the day be suspend

ed and the message of the Governor vetoing the hill for the completion of the State prison; so ordered. Upon the vote being taken, the bill did not pass, by vote of ayes 23, noes 24. By Mr. Clements, that the House return to the Senate the resolution of the Senate adjourning the Legislature

sine die on the toth inst. Mr. Davis moved to lay on the table; adopted. Leave was given Mr. Milliken to report a bill, and dered that it lie upon the table. Bills Introduced. By Mr. Orth, a bill providing a fund to settle the debt

By Mr. Goodenow, abolishing the office of school com-Hall of P., Hanna, Harlan, Hatfield, Holman, Huffstetter, stoner in Jefferson county. Johnson, Lemmonds, Mason, May, Miller, Nofsinger, Norton, Osborn, Parks, Scott, Shields, Steeth, Tackett, Tebbs, Wiley, By Mr. Jackson, extending the provisions of the 15th chap, part 3d of the Revised Statutes of 1843, to Hancock county

By Mr. Winchell, a bill relative to negroes and mulattoes, giving them the right to give testimony in certain By Mr. Berry of F., incorporating the Laurel Turnpike A bill authorizing the collection of certain taxes there

in named, was taken from the table and passed. Orders of the Day .- Bills passed. A bill legalizing the acts of masters of chancery Huntington county A bill extending the time of receiving and working ou

road tax in counties therein named. A bill making non-residents pay road taxes, equal to settlers, in certain counties therein named. A bill defining the width of roads in Clinton county. A bill extending the benefit of a certain act to Clinto

and Carroll counties. A bill amendatory of an act for the relief of Delaware and Grant counties. A bill authorizing the sale of certain land therein nam

A bill giving the Secretary of State authority to make a deed in a certain case. A bill amending an act incorporating the Trustees the Asbury College.

A bill enabling executors to settle estates. A bill amending the Hagerstown canal company charter A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named A bill to amend the practice in Probate courts. The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Leave was given to Mr. Hamer to introduce a joint resolution on the subject of organizing our light compa-nies with rifles; referred to the committee on military af-

A call of the Senate was ordered, and the absentees A joint resolution on the subject of the Mexican war was on the second reading, when Mr. Berry of F., proposed an amendment. Mr. Edmonston moved the whole matter be indefinitely postponed; so ordered.

A bill authorizing the removal of obstructions i Brandywine, in Shelby county; passed. The Senate adjourned.

> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNEDAY, January 6, 1847.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from for other matters of equal interest. He therefore would move the committee have not leave to sit again; carried. Assembly of New Hampshire, on the subject of slavery, the

cuss the resolutions, moved to lay the message on the table

-ayes 51, noes 39.

referred-ayes 62, noes 29.

On motion of Mr Thompson, the petition of Z. Casterline and others, on the subject of the repeal of the "Black Laws" was taken from the table. Mr Secrest moved to lay the petition again on the table and called for the ayes and noes-ayes 46, noes 46. Mr Yarvan moved that the petition be referred to a select

Mr Anthony said he voted against laying on the table, be cause be wished it referred to a committee, and give them an opportunity to report, so that the matter may be forever The ayes and noes being demanded, the petition was so

Petitions Presented. By Mr Wise, from Mary Howell, praying a legalization of marriage; referred to a select comm By Mr Watts; referred without reading. By Mr Dunham, from John Williams, a purchaser of saline lands in Washington county, praying an extension of the time of payment; referred to a select committee.

By M. Scott, from John Owen, for a divorce; laid on the

By Mr Dobson, for a divorce; hid on the table. Reports from Standing Committees. Mr Nof-inger, from the committee on education, reported back the bill for the improvement of common schools,

led, accompanied with a report on the subject of com Mr Thompson moved to lay the report on the table, and hat one thousand copies be printed; agreed to. Mr Secrest moved to take from the table the bill providing for the election of a State superintendent, and recommit it

with the bill just read, to the committee, with instructions to consolidate the two in one; agreed to. Mr Hicks, from the committee on education, reported back the bill amending the law on the subject of common schools; passed to a third reading. Mr Hunt, from the committee on education, reported it

Mr Moore, from the committee on education, reported, that inasmuch as all teachers of common schools are now per-mitted to teach the German and other languages, and inasmuch as a division of the common school fund would create more complication in the common school laws, and inasmuch 99th sec. 5th art. and 48th chap, of Revised Statutes of as our laws and public documents are usually printed in the 1843; adopted. English language, the committee are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to legislate on that subject.

Me Meredith moved not to concur in the report; lost. The report was concurred in. Also, a bill on the same subject, recommending that it be laid on the table; concurred in.

Mr Porter, from the committee on corporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the "Eclampses Vitus" association, and recommended its indefinite postponement.

The bill was laid on the table. Also, to incorporate the Lafayette Bridge Company; or-

dered to be engrossed. Mr Wilson, from the same committee, reported back the bill to incorporate the Lafayette Hydraulic Company; laid Also, to incorporate the Upper Wabash Company; ordered be engrossed.

Mr Cassatt from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance; passed to a second reading.

Also, to incorporate the Trustees of the Fost Wayne Female College; ordered to be engrossed. .

Mr Harlan, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the town of Columbus, in Bartl ordered to be engrossed. Mr Dole, from the committee on cana's and internal improvements, reported a bill to provide for the expenses of selecting lands donated to the State by Congress. Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr Parker, to anthorize the surrender of canal lands in certain cases; passed to a third reading.

By Mr Anthony, a bill to correct a mistake in enrolling the bill in relation to the Viccennes and New Albany Turn-By Mr Wolfe, against the expediency of legislation on the subject of a new county out of Sullivan and others; con-

By Mr Cassatt, a bill to authorize the citizens of Wabash county to build a bridge across the Wabash river; read a By Mr Jones of B., a bill to attach additional territory to the county of Blackford; read first time.

Mr Dowling made a lengthy report against any change in the present law in relation to the public printing. Mr Holman moved to lay the bill on the table; negatived. Mr Meredith moved to indefinitely postpone the bill-ayes 52, noes 45. Mr Noel moved to reconsider the vote just taken; nega-

tived-ayes 36, noes 65.

Bills Introduced. By Mr Dunham, a bill relative to grand juries in Wash ington county; read first time. Also, in relation to township assessors in Washington By Mr Battell, to regulate and change the time of holding

courts in the fourth judicial circuit. Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Fuller, that the committee on military affairs in-By Mr Noel, that the superintendent of the central canal

By Mr Wolfe, that the use of the Hall be granted to the use of the citizens, to inquire into the mode, &c. of repairing bridges and roads destroyed by the late freshet; adopted. By Mr Huff, requiring the committee on ways and means

The House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr Dunham, on leave, introduced a petition, with accompanying matter not read, in relation to voters authorizing county boards to grant license to sell liquors; referred to a select committee The special order of the day being the bill for calling

reasurers before they shall report any one delinquent.

Mr Yaryan moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Mr Y. naving concluded his argument in favor of its inde The syes and noes were demanded, which resulted Aves-Messis Addleman, Anthony, Brown, Battell, Cassatt, Clark, Colms, Cravens, Deam, Decker, Dole, Dowling,

Edwards, Fuller, Gordon, Griffis, Green, Hall of W., Hamilton, Harding, Harvey, Hendricks, Hicks, Hill, Holland, Hostetter, Huddleston, Huff, Hull, Hunt, Jenison, Jones of B., Jones of G., Julian, Kerr, Lewis, Logan, Lutz, McCormack, Meredith, Monk, Moore, Neal, Parker, Porter, Powell, Secrest, Smiley, Stanfield, Stewart of F., Stewart of L., Summers, Tait, Thomas, Thompson, Walker, Wise, Yaryan, and Mr Speaker-59. Noes-Messrs Arnold, Balding, Carr of C., Carr of L., Carnahan, Crookshank, Dobson, Dunham, Ferguson, Gilleece,

Wilson, Wolf, Woodsuff, and Young-35. Bills read the third time and passed. To amend the Revised Statutes in regard to writs of quod damnum; for the protection of the property of marrie! romen; to amend the Revised Statutes so as to exempt property held for educational purposes; for the relief of Dempey Linton, of Randolph county; to amend the Revised Statutes, in relation to crimes committed on the Onio and to locate a State road; to define the boundary line between which they reside; concurred in. Warrick and Gibson counties; to legalize the election of trustees; to repeal an act regulating toad tax in the county of Jusper; amending the Revised Statutes in relation to counties having special road laws; amending the Madison city charter; fixing the time of holding the terms of the probate court in Marion county; to extend a certain road law to Madison county; to extend a certain road law to Madison county; to appropriate necessary means for the airesting and recapture of fugitives from justice; the joint resolution in relation to appropriating certain land for a road in Brown county; to amend the law relative to the advertising of sheriff's sales; relative to granting letters of guardianship; to compel non-residents to pay a road tax equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to that of residents; to vacate certain streets and equal to the equal lleys in Cambridge City; for the relief of William Tagget and his secureties; to legalize the proceedings of the board of Adams county; for the relief of purchasers of saline lands from Texas to Indiana; read the first time. in Orange county; to legalize the acts of the board of county sioners and auditor in Sullivan county; to amend the commissioners and auditor in Sullivan county; to amend the rence of the Senate, proceed to the election of turnpike road charter from Cambridge City to Muncietown; Printer on Tuesday next at 24 o'clock. to provide for the election of supervisors for road districts in one and Wabash counties; to incorporate a church in Randolph county; to authorize the receiving of road tax separate from other taxes; to amend the charter of Cambridge City; ble stood ares 40, noes 58. to amend the law in relation to fee bills; to incorporate the Greenfield and Shelbyville railroad company; to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Lagrange county; to provide for the further erection of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane; authorizing the construction of a road in Dearborn county; in relation to county roads in the counties of Putnam and Jefferson; in relation to supervisors in Daviess county; changing the name of Frances Ann Fisher to Frances Ann Smith; for the benefit of volunteers in the Mexican war; to authorize clerks of circuit courts to issue process to other counties; to increase the number of pilots on the Ohio river; relative to the allowance of guardians; a j int resolution; for the relief of the purchasers of seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties; to authorize Nelson Conner to build and keep up a mill dam across the Mississinneway; repealing the act providing for removing o structions in Buck creek; for the relief of David Burr; to facilitate the building of school houses; to change the time of holding courts in

the eleventh judicial circuit-To change the mode of doing county business in Dearborn county; to prevent county officers and other officers to purchase real estate sold for taxes; to amend the Jefferson-Mr Secrest, remarking that the House had not time to dis- ville city charter; to legalize an election; to authorize ccrtain persons to build and keep up a mill dam in Grant county;

in relation to retailing liquors in Wayne county; to extend the time of holding Courts in Vanderburgh county; in relation to the auditor of Warrick county.

The bill for the better preservation of the inhabitants living along the White Water Capal, was discussed by Messens. Wiley, Crookshank, Meredith, Julian and Moore, of the inhabitants in the work of the Capal, was discussed by Messens. Wiley, Crookshank, Meredith, Julian and Moore, and the white water and the county in the latest of the Capal, was discussed by Messens. Wiley, Crookshank, Meredith, Julian and Moore, and the county; to extend the many many than the latest to the county in the latest to the latest to the county in the latest to the latest after which it was indefinitely postponed. The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 7, 1847.

The Senate met. Petitions presented.

By Messrs. Conner, Milligan, Waters, Taber, Clements Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Hamer, from the committee on military affairs, a joint resolution on arming our light troops in Mexico

with rifles; passed. By Mr. Bowers, from the committee on agricu recommending the indefinite postponement of a bill on the subject of county surveyors, with an amendment; amendment adopted, and the report was concurred in. Mr. Hardin then moved to lay the whole matter on the

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Hamrick, that the two Hooses next Saturday seed to the election of State Printer. Mr. Berry of F., moved an amendment, declaring J. P. Chapman printer to the Senate and Mr. Matthis p Mr. Edmonston moved the whole matter lie table; carried.

A message was received from the House informing Senate it had passed a resolution to proceed to the elec-tion of State Printer on Tuesday next. [Volume VINumber 30

Mr. Orth moved to reciprocate. Mr. Edmonston moved to lay the resolution on the to

not carried. Mr. Edmonston moved that the consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday next two o'clock; By Mr. Milligan, as to the expediedcy of altering the

By Mr. Jackson, as to the expediency of including the northern division of the central canal in the provisions of the Butler bill and amendments; adopted.

Joint Resolution Introduced.

By Mr. Orth, authorizing the printing of certain laws of the Legislature; passed to a second reading. Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Milliken, defining the duties of State agent. By Mr. Waters, amending an act incorporating the West Delphi bridge company; passed.

Leave was granted to Mr. English to make a report mittee, of a bill relative to the ec school fund in Jackson county; concurred in. By Mr. Goodenow, providing for the distribution of the

ree per cent. fund. Orders of the day-Bills passed. A bill of the House more particularly to define the line between the counties of Gibson and Warrick.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State

A bill vacating certain streets and alleys in Cambridge A bill for the relief of William Taggett and his securi-

A bill legalizing the proceedings of the county board in Adams county, and for other purposes. A bill altering the 8th section of an act regulating fees. The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Senate assembled.

Upon the consideration of bills upon their third readng, the following bills passed:

A bill creating the 13th judicial circuit. A bill to reduce the expenses of the county of Floyd.

A bill fixing the time for the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum to make their report. A bill repealing a certain act protecting wild fruit certain counties so far as relates to Pulaski county. A joint resolution expressive of the approbation of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana of the Mexican war; as follows :

Whereas, the Mexican government by armed troops, did on the twenty-fourth day of April last, near the city of Matamoras, cross over the Rio Grande, into the territory of the United States, and there kill sixteen American citizens, and menace the lives of many more, for which, and other reasons the Congress of the United States did justly and patriotically declare war against the government the resolution offered by him in the morning, on the subject of Mexico: Therefore,

Be if resolved, That the General Assembly of the State | which, by a vote of ages 20, noes 24, was not adopted. of Indiana fully approves of the declaration of war, as was made on the 13th of May last by Congress against the government of Mexico, and that the efficient manner lution adjourning the Senate until to-morrow morning; not guire into the expediency of making additional allowance to in which the war has been prosecuted by the President, ad pted. the Secretary of State for extra sevices during the last year; our gallant officers and brave soldiers, fully meets our ap-

war, until an honorable peace is fully ratified, and for this reading. purpose to vote all necessary appropriations of money.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward copies of this joint resolution to the President of the United States and each of our to make certain inquiries in relation to the duty of county Senators and Representatives in Congress. Mr. Read called for the previous question; seconded The joint resolution passed as follows: Ayes, Messrs.
Allicon, Barbour, Berry of F., Berry of M., Cuppy, Davis,
Day, Edmonson, English, Green, Handy, Hardin, Henry.

Howell, Jackson, Marsh, Miller, Milligan, Milliken, Read, Reckhill, Stewart, Stockwell, Taber, Watts .- 25. Nays, Messts. Beard, Bowers, Bradbury, Chenowith, Coffin, Conner, Ellis, Goodenow, Hamer, Holloway, Morgan, Montgomery, Murphy, Orth, Robinson, Simpson, usko and Marshall, Verbrike, Winchell and Zenor .- 19.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, January 7, 1846. Mr. Carr of L., (on leave) from a select committee, reorted back the bill fixing the time of holding courts in

he 10th judicial circuit. On motion of Mr. Watts, the bill was read the third ime and passed. Mr. Lutz presented a petition from citizens of Madison and Hamilton counties on the subject of a State road referred to the committee on roads. Mr. Hunt, from the committee on education, reported

on a resolution on the subject of levying a tax for school purposes, that a bill was already reported making ample provisions; report concurred in. Mr. Hamilton, from the same committee, reported against the expediency of publishing the school laws in he German language at present; concurred in.

Mr. Meredith, from the committee on roads, that it was inexpedient for the road tax payers of Dearborn county Wabash rivers; in relation to roads in Huntington county; to be allowed to pay all their road tax in the district in Also, reported back the bill relative to roads and highways in Lagrange county; passed to the third reading. Mr. Hall of P., from the same, reported a bill to locate a State road in Posey and Vanderburgh; passed to the se-

Mr. Dole, from the committee on canals and internal

Mr. Tebbs introduced a joint resolution in relation to conveying the remains of the late Gen. T. A. Howard By Mr. Harvey, that the House will, with the concur-

Mr. Miller moved to lay the resolution on the table, previously moving a call of the House, which was seconded. The House being full, the vote to lay on the ta-The resolution was then adopted.

By Mr. Holman, that the agent of State furnish the House the amount heretofore paid to A. Hendricks &

By Mr. Hanna, to adjourn sine die on the 25th inst. with the concurrence of the Senate; loid on the table. By Mr. Fuller, instructing the committee on benevolent Ann Smith; for the benefit of volunteers in the Mexican war; institutions to inquire whether Mrs. Johnson, as matron to authorize the Governor to order a special election for Congress in certain cases; to extend the time of working out additional compensation on account of her removal;

> Mr. Dunham moved to take from the table the Senate resolution providing for adjournment : refused. By Mr. Moore, a joint resolution on the subject of edueation : read the first time. By Mr. Cassatt, a joint resolution in relation to preemptions on the great Miami reserve; read the first time. By Mr. Parks, a joint resolution memorializing Con-

erritory that may be acquired from Mexico.

Mr. Secrest moved to reject the resolution; ayes 42; By Mr. May, a joint resolution in relation to the Wahash and Erie canal; read the first time. Mr. Cravens moved to take from the table the New Mr Neal moved to it definitely postpone the bill making

Mr. Cravens moved to refer the resolutions to the committee having that part of the Governor's message under A large number consideration, which relates to the Mexican war; ayes out amenda ent. Mr. Miller moved to lay the resolution of the New Bampshire Legislature in relation to a "protective tariff"

on the table; negatived. The resolution was then referred to a select committee onsisting of Messrs. Cravens, Miller and Porter.

Mr. Colms introduced a joint resolution in relation to Santa Anna's breach of faith towards President Polk; re- Ann Sidwell, was read the second and third time and passed. Mr. Skields moved to take up the Senate resolut

relation to adjournment; relused.

Bills Introduced and read the first time. By Mr. Wise, to incorporate the Jefferson Manufactu-

Mr. Hall moved its second reading and reference to the ommittee on corporations; agreed to.

By Mr. May, to incorporate the Covington draw bridge By Mr. Carnahan, for the relief of Alfred B. Nesbet of

By Mr. Hatfield, to provide for German schools in

By Mr. May, to authorize the Judge of the Probate court of Fountain county to issue writs of habeas corpus and take acknowledgements.

Bills reported from select committees and read the first By Mr. Wise, for the relief of Mary Howell.

By Mr. Hill, a bill in relation to retailing liquors in By Mr. Decker, to authorize certain persons to keep up a mill dam across the Irequois river in Jasper county.

By Mr. Tait, regulating the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Switzerland county.

By Mr. Dowling, to authorize the formation of volun-

ary associations. AFTERNOON SESSION. The bill to provide for the settlement of the debt with the Wahash college coming up,
Mr. Thompson moved to indefinitely postpone the bill

The bill then passed. Mr. Stanfield introduced a resolution instructing the

Mr. Meredith offered a resolution empowering the committee appointed to inquire in relation to water rents, &c .

on the Central Canal, to send for persons or papers;

SENATE. FRIDAY, January 8, 1847. Leave was given Mc Millikin to introduce the following WHEREAS, The Eighth of January has been rendered nemorable in the annals of our history, on account of the

glorious achievement of our arms at New Orleans: Therewhen it adjourns, adjourn over until to-morrow morning.

Reports from Standing Committees. By Mr Rockhill, unfavorable to the petition to repeal the law confining voters to their respective townships.

By Mr Henry, a bill for the completion of the hospital fer the insane. Reports from Select Committees. By Mr Milliken a bill amending an act incorporating the owns of Madison and Lawrenceburgh as cities; passed.

By Mr Helloway, a bill amending a certain act; laid on Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Howell, that the finance committee inquire if the Secretary of State should not be allowed additional compensation for duties performed the past year; adopted.

Joint Resolutions. By Mr Clements, on the subject of the Wabash and Erie canal; passed to a second reading.

By Mr Handy, on the subject of the State Printing; passed

on motion of Mr Milliken, the Senate took from the table of adjourning in honor of the day until to-morrow morning; Mr Marsh introduced a bill relative to writs of ad quod

AFTERNOON SESSION. Leave given to Mr Jackson to introduce a bill relativ Be it further resolved, That our Senators in Congress the sale of forfeited school lands in Madison county.

> ORDERS OF THE DAY. - Bills Passed. A bill requiring owners of mills on Eel river to construct a certain slope in mill dams on that river. A bill locating a State road in Randolph and Wayne

> tain persons therein named. A joint resolution relative to selling ardent spirits to the A bill amending an act incorporating the Richmond turn-A bill authorizing a State road in the counties of Kosci-

A joint resolution relative to the superintendent of Central Canal A bill abolishing the office of justice of the peace in Yorktown, Delawaie county. A bill vacating a road in the town of Lawrenceburgh. A bill locating a State road from Logansport to Marton.

A bill amending an act locating a State road leading from

A bill relative to a settlement made by the Agent of State with Leonard Woodburn and others.

A bull regulating the fees of officers therein named.

A bill changing a State road in the counties of Lawrence A bul authorizing the school commissioner of Jay county to sell a certain tract of land. A bill locating a State road in Howard and Carroll. A bill for the relief of purchasers of seminary lands in

A bill repealing an act incorporating the seminary in Morgan county. Leave given Mr Stewart to introduce a resolution requesting the Hotise to deliver to the Secretary of the Senate a bill

Senate adjourned.

mittee on canals. Bills on their Second Reading. The bill to prevent the circulation of private paper as money being read,

On motion of Mr Noel, the report was referred to the com-

tionment of the publis among the counties according to re-presentation, so that all can equally receive the benefits of the same; which amendment was concurred in. Mr Noel moved to amend by striking out the name of Edward R. Ames.

sane, and the services of the se offices are bestowed gratuit-ously. He thought it was imposing too much on one per-son's time to require attention to two such offices. Some opposition being made to the change; Mr Noel withdrew his amendment. gress in relation to the introduction of slavery in any The bill was then ofdered to be engrossed. Mr Colms offered an amendment to the bill providing for

After sundry amendments, the bill was ordered to be en-Hampshire resolutions in relation to slavery and the choses in action subject to execution by a bill in chancery, mexican war; ayes 52, noes 42.

The motion afterwards prevailed. A large number of bills were ordered to be engrossed with-The House then adjourned.

city of Indians, alis was, on motion of Mr. Palmer, laid on The bill to change the name of Eliza Ann Camden to Eliza The joint resolution in relation to making appropriation for the improvement of the St. Joseph's river being read, Mr Palmer moved to strike out that part which affirms

was, on motion of Mr Cravens, laid on the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock. A large number of bills were ordered to be engrossed and referred to committees.

Mr Secrest, on leave, introduced a resolution recommending to the friends of education, the holding of a State Common school Convention at Indianapolis, on the fourth Wednesday of May next, for the purpose of consulting and devising the best course to be pursued to promote come education in our State; adopted.

By Mr. Palmer, for the relief of Hardy Cane.

By Mr. Norton, for the improvement of county libraries.

By Mr. Green, to regulate the selecting of grand and petit jurors in Washington county.

By Mr. Mason, to regulate the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in criminal cases.

By Mr. Holman, to authorize the settlers on public lands to petition the legislature in respect to public roads.

Judiciary committee to inquire into the truth of the charges preferred against G. Johnson, Probate Judge of Allen

adopted.

Resolved, That the Senate will, the House concurring,

By Mr Clements, a bill allowing widows to avail themselves of \$150 of their busband's effects. By Mr Berry of F., incorporating the Christian Church, on White river, in Stone Creek township, Randolph county.

By Mr Bowers, a bill to print certain acts with the general laws of the present session

to a second reading.

By Mr Berry of F., to suspend the operation of a certain

inquire into the expediency of employing Steams Fisher to make examination of the injury done the said canal by the make examination of the injury done the said canal by the

A bill to authorize the superintendent to settle with cer-

Mr. Davis then moved to re-consider the vote just taken, and finished the remarks which had been previously in-

> A bill changing the name of the town of Canton, in Tip-A bill for the safe keeping of the records of Ohio county. A bill anthorizing county auditors to bid in school lar A bill locating a State road in the countres of Adams and

> Monroe and Gibson counties. A bill for the improvement of a State road in Wells

> for the relief of V. King, Woodburn, and others, which had just passed the Senate; adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, January 8, 1847. The Speaker laid before the House a report of Steams Fisher on the subject of repairs on the Central Canal. [The cost is estimated as follows: From the dam to Fall Creek, \$2,487; rebuilding the Fall Creek acqueduct, \$9,-626 12; the acqueduct at Pogue's run, \$2,520. Total, \$15,333 12.]

Mr Edwards presented a remonstrance from numerous citizens of Vigo against the passage of the bill.

Mr Craveus maved to refer the bill and remo the committee on the State Bank; adopted. The bill to provide for the further erection of the asylum for the blind was amended on motion of Mr Watts.

Mr Edwards moved to amend by authorizing the trustees to receive by private beneficence gifts, &c., and an appor-

Calvin Fletcher from the list of trustees, and insert that of Mr Noel said he made this motion not from any disrespect to Mr Fletcher, nor from want of confidence in his ability to discharge efficiently the duties of the office, but from the fact that Mr Fletcher is a trustee of the hospital for the in-

the publication of delinquent tax lists. Mr Dowling moved its reference to a select committee, Mr Colms moved to lay the motion on the table; agreed to,

AFTERNOON SESSION. Bills on their second reading.

The bill in relati n to selling the Covernor's Chele to the.

Mr. Yaryan, from a select committee, reported back the bill providing for the election of prosecuting attorneys for each county; the bill was read the third time and passed.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed. stricken out—ayes 37, noes 64.

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the re-organization of the Militim of Indiana

Leave given Mr Davis to introduce a joint resolution in relation to treasury notes or bank scrip.